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THE OBSERVATOR.

A Letter from a Gentleman about the Seditious Practices of the Faction, with an Account of their Six Saveals and Thirty-three Apoſtolical Aſſiſtants. *On the Addreſſes of the City Lieutenancy of the Juſtices, Grand Jury, &c. of the County of* Middleſex. *Of the Juſtices of the Peace of* Weſtminſter. *From the Counties of* Southampton *and* Berks, *and the City of* Coventry.

From Wednesday, April 26, to Saturday, April 29. 1710.

Countrym. HEre's a Letter, Mr. *Obſervator*, from a Worthy Gentleman that has been pleaſed to ſend us many Valuable Informations, I think it deſerves our Conſideration.

Obſ. With all my Heart, Honeſt *Roger*; but ſince I perceive it is long I deſire you to give me an Abſtract of it.

Countrym. The Subſtance is thus, Mr.; *The Gentleman ſays he has been in the Country, from whence he could have ſent you ſeveral Advices of the Seditious Practices of the High-fliers, or Pretender's Churchmen, but he found you were ſo well ſupply'd with Intelligence of that Sort that he forbore it: He ſays there's great Induſtry us'd to ſpread Abroad, and put into every body's Hands the* Seditious Pamphlets of *Sacheverell* and his Abettors, *and with them are ſent down the Names of many of our Reverend and Moderate Clergymen, with Reflections upon them, in order to make thoſe Worthy Perſons Odious, and that the High-fliers may Drink their Confuſion by Name.*

Obſ. 'Tis a very Unchriſtian and Seditious Practice, *Roger*, and can have no other Tendency but to prevent that *deſirable Union of the Hearts of the Subjects*, of which Her Majeſty in Her Late moſt Gracious Speech expreſſed *Her Hopes that the Divine Goodneſs would make Her the Happy Inſtrument.* Therefore ſince thoſe Men perſiſt in ſuch Practices, 'tis a plain Demonſtration, whatever the Faction may ſay in their Addreſſes, that they are abſolute Enemies to Her Majeſty's peaceable Poſſeſſion of the Throne, as well as to God and our Holy Religion, as by Law Eſtabliſh'd, which enjoins mutual Love and Concord among Chriſtians, as well as due Obedience to our Soveraign, under the Severe, but Juſt, Penalty, of Eternal Damnation.

Countrym. The Gentleman adds, Maſter, that the Seditious Faction make their Pulpit Incendiaries Biſhops, and the Leaders of their Lay Tribe Miniſters of State, and Members of Parliament; nay, in a Word, they Deifie them.

Obſ. 'Tis no New Thing, *Roger*, for the Faction to cry up thoſe for *Bright Ornaments and Supports of the Church and State* that have by their Conduct given evident Proofs to the World they Deſerve no ſuch Character; for while they have join'd in Loud and Malicious Clamours againſt others as Perſons of Rebellious Principles, they themſelves have not only incouraged thoſe who rais'd Tumults and Rebellions, but have us'd their Endeavours that ſuch as were taken in actual Rebellion ſhould eſcape the Hands of Juſtice. We have heard of ſome Methods with relation to Grand and Petty Juries in this Caſe, which are not very Commendable, and of Honeſt and Loyal Gentlemen ſet aſide in ſuch a manner as the Law will not juſtifie; but go on, *Roger*.

Countrym. The Gentleman ſays further, Maſter, that the Faction in the Country have Liſts ſent them down from their Friends in Town of Six Eminent Doctors, whom they call *Savealls*, and of Thirty-three Doctors, and other Inferior Clergymen, whom they call Apoſtolical Aſſiſtants, whoſe Healths they ſwallow down in full Bumpers, while they Drink Confuſion to our Moderate Biſhops and Clergy: There's a Liſt of their Names if you think fit to Print it.

Obſ. We will meddle with no Names, *Roger*, but where the Caſe is Flagrant, and the Proof Undeniable; but pray what Reaſon do they give for thoſe Characters.

Countrym. They told the Gentleman with an Oath, Maſter, that the Six Savealls deſerv'd that Title, becauſe they Sav'd the Church and every Thing elſe, and the Thirty-three Apoſtolical Aſſiſtants were ſuch as dar'd to Preach up the Apoſtolical Doctrine of their Paſſive-Obedience and Non-Reſiſtance, and did the Churches Angel ſo much Service when he was Impeach'd.

Obſ. That gives but a very diminutive Idea of their High Church, *Roger*; the Faction is hard put to it when their Church Rampant has but Six Apoſtles and Thirty-three Diſciples, conſidering that the True Chnrch in its Infancy and Loweſt Eſtate had Twelve Apoſtles and 72 Diſciples. Beſides, *Roger*, as that ſilly Diſtinction caſts an Odious Reflection upon the Queen, Parliament, and the main Body of the Church of *England*, it lays the Faction open to ſevere Reprizals; for ſome Wags may be apt to ſay, that their *Savealls* deſerve rather to be call'd *Extinguiſhers*, that put out the Candles, and their Apoſtolical Aſſiſtants *Thieves*, which waſte them, and bedawb the Candleſticks. And I believe that moſt People who know the Characters of *D——— A———y*, *D——— B———h*, *F——— H———s*, and *L----- M———n*, will own the Reflection to be Juſt.

Countrym. The Gentleman concludes with an Account, Maſter, that the Faction is horridly Mad; that ſome of the Rebels who have been Tried have met with their Deſert; that One of the Managers of the Commons is advanced to the Bench, and that Three of 'em were Council for the Queen againſt the Rebels; but they pleaſe themſelves with a late Change in a conſiderable Civil Poſt, and that ſome Moderate and Worthy Divines are not made Biſhops.

Obſ. That ſerves only to diſcover their Weakneſs and Malice, *Roger*; they will find that they have no Reaſon to Boaſt in either Reſpect, ſince the World knows that thoſe Things Reflect no Diſhonour upon the Worthy Perſons they aim at, but on the contrary have rais'd their Character.

Countrym. I want your Opinion of our Honeſt Addreſſes, Maſter; for I find the Faction is defeated even that Way; and that the Battery they rais'd by their Seditious Addreſſes againſt our Religion

ligion and Conſtitution is diſmounted, the Revolution Ingineers level their Guns ſo exactly that they fire into the very Mouths of the High-Church Cannon, burſt them, and make them fly about the Ears of thoſe who have the Management of the *French* Train of Artillery. You gave me your Opinion already of the Noble Addreſs from the City of *Glouceſter*, which was formerly printed in the *Flying-Poſt*, I ſaw Three more Excellent Addreſſes in that Paper of *Thurſday* laſt. I am glad that any of our Publick Prints take Care to regiſter Loyal Addreſſes, ſince others have publiſh'd ſuch as directly fly in the Face of the Queen and Parliament.

Obſ. You ſay very well, *Roger:* The Addreſs of the Honourable Commiſſioners of the Lieutenancy of *London*, which is the Firſt in that Paper of *Thurſday* laſt, we have talk'd of already, and may juſtly add, that conſidering the Quality and Truſt of thoſe who made that Addreſs, and the Timing of it, we muſt own it to be of great Importance, and a Mighty Encouragement, to all who wiſh well to Her Majeſty's Perſon, Her Adminiſtration, the Proteſtant Succeſſion, and that Moderation in Matters of Religion which is ſo abſolutely neceſſary for our Peace and Safety, which Her Majeſty has ſo frequently recommended from the Throne, which ſhe ſo religiouſly puts in Practice, and which ſhe has given us Her Royal Word ſhe will maintain inviolable. Thoſe Worthy Gentlemen have not only diſſected the great *Trojan* Horſe that was to have ſurpriz'd and deſtroy'd our *Troynovant*, but have defeated the Troops that were lodg'd in his Belly, ſo as I am of Opinion they will never be able to ralley again to any Purpoſe. Thoſe Gentlemen have ſtripp'd that Huge Over-grown Beaſt of his Cappariſons, and ſet the Saddle upon the Right Horſe.

They have been very well and nobly ſeconded by the Juſtices, Grand Jury, and others, of the County of *Middleſex*, which is the Second Addreſs in that Paper. Thoſe Gentlemen have happily expreſs'd themſelves, and juſtly obſerv'd, *That Paſſive-obedience and Non-reſiſtance have been frequently made uſe of to incite the Subjects to Rebellion and Sedition, and to diſturb the Publick Peace.*

That of the Juſtices of the Peace of the City and Liberty of *Weſtminiſter* does very well become the Magiſtrates of ſo great a City, which is the Seat of the Government, and of our Supream Courts of Juſtice. Thoſe Three Addreſſes are of Vaſt Importance, *Roger*; becauſe they muſt needs convince the Thinking Part of the Nation that our Vitals are ſound; and that the Centre of the Kingdom and Government, which is the Main Support of our Conſtitution, is not ſo much poiſon'd with the Contagion as the Faction give out; and that our Natural Strength has overcome the Malignity of the Venome which *Sacheverell* and his Abettors ſhed into our Bowels; though he boaſted of his Succeſs in the Dedication of his Fifth of *November* Sermon, and valued himſelf upon the Numbers of his *Excellent Examples of Unſhaken Steadineſs, Diſintereſs'd Probity, and True Zeal and Loyalty, for our Church and Sovereign*, which, according to his Way of Speaking and Swearing, and ſome of his Inſtances, we muſt underſtand quite contrary to the Natural Signification of the Words.

Countrym. You ſay very right, Maſter; and as we have obſerv'd before, his Faction exactly follow their Leader, and condemn to Hell in their Speeches, as he and the reſt of his Fellow Incendiaries do in their Sermons, what they thank God for in their Prayers. This I think we ought to repeat now and then, to let the Poor Deluded People ſee the Blaſphemy and Hypocriſie of ſuch Leaders, who every Fifth of *November thank God for bringing over King* William *to deliver us from Popiſh Tyranny and Arbitrary Power, and making all Oppoſition fall before him, till he became our King and Governour*, and yet preach down *Reſiſting of Princes on any Pretence whatſoever*, as Damnable Doctrine all the reſt of the Year; and that their Practice may be as ſelf-contradictory and inconſiſtent as their Principles, though they preach up Non-reſiſtance, do actually riſe in Rebellions and Tumults.

Obſ. What other Addreſſes be thoſe in your Hand, *Roger?*

Countrym. They are Three very Noble Ones, Maſter; the Firſt is from the County of *Southampton*, the Second is from the County of *Berks*, and the Third from the City of *Coventry:* We cannot inſiſt upon them now, Maſter; but I muſt obſerve that all of them expreſs a Juſt Reſpect for the preſent Houſe of Commons, which is the Terror and Abhorrence of the Faction, as 'tis the Darling of all the Well-affected Subjects of the Nation, and have by their *Early Diſpatch with ſuch Great and Effectual Supplies*, as Her Majeſty graciouſly expreſs'd it, already procured ſuch Happy Succeſſes againſt the Common Enemy, and *have in all other Things expreſs'd a Zeal for Her Majeſty's Service, not likely to be exceeded by any that ſhall enſue.*

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